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## Beware of patriotic flags manufactured by cheap foreign labor

I would like shoppers to beware of all of the patriotic flags and T-shirts for sale now and to take a look at where these things are made. Is it in the USA?

I saw a very nice Red Wing T-shirt the other day with a tag marked "made in Pakistan."

## Section of Westland contains many museum-quality roads

I have heard of buildings and houses being awarded historical plaques to be saved for prosperity.

But is the square of roads between Cherry Hill and Florence, Wayne and Christine designated as historic so people can know what the roads were like in the 1800s?

With these roads, you don't need a museum to see what the roads were like.

## Sauk Hill Landfill, Canton's Tower of Babel, is trash heaven

The differences between the Tower of Babel and Sauk Hill Landfill are: first, that when Noah's descendants built the Tower of Babel, the king, unlike the Canton Township Board, didn't lie to the neighbors about how high the monstrosity would rise. Second, the Tower of Babel failed to get anybody up to heaven, but Sauk Hill Landfill has forced its neighbors to live in trash heaven.

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Among those looking forward to the Romulus Elementary dedication on October 30th are 4th grader Antonette Hemphill and her mother Annette Hemphill.

## New school dedication Tues.

Dedication ceremonies for the new Roomfuls Elementary School, located on Beverly Road west of Merriman and Henry Ruff, will be held on Tuesday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m. All local residents are invited to attend this historic occasion.

School district officials, city officials, community leaders, representatives from construction manager Barton Malow and architect Kingscott Associates, as well as the students and staff of Romulus Ele-

mentary School will be on hand for the dedication ceremonies.

The dedication will include the presentation of a sizable plaque dedicating the school, a photograph of the school and a large mural signed by the Romulus Elementary School students.

The 53,000 square foot state of the art facility features three computer-aided instruction centers and more than 200 computers for the 346 students enrolled.

Romulus Elementary is one of

the major components of the 1999 \$34 million bond program and will help provide much needed classroom space in the rapidly expanding northern areas of Romulus.

The attractive school is a center piece in the Gateway Golf Club Estates subdivision and serves students from both the Gateway Estates and the new upscale PineWoods Village apartments on Van Born Road, as well as the older established northeastern neighborhoods.

In January, Romulus lost its only supermarket - the IGA Market, on Goddard Road, in the heart of downtown.

Dennis Swaney ran the IGA Market for more than 5 years. Unfortunately, in January, Swaney closed the store for business reasons.

Folks who live nearby say they miss the store, especially the seniors who live in Romulus Tower.

For many seniors, going to the store by themselves or with a neighbor was a sign of independence. Others needed the exercise walking to the supermarket provided them.

Some saw the trek as an opportunity to socialize, as well as an opportunity to purchase necessary grocery items.

According to Melissa Morton, Manager of Romulus Tower, seniors are now bused 3 times a month to either Meijer's in Southland Mall or Farmer Jack's or Walmart's in Belleville or K-Mart's in Dearborn Heights to shop.

Seniors are charged \$1.50 round-trip.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak shopped at the IGA supermarket because it was conveniently located within walking distance of her home.

Romak said she'd like to see another independent market in the facility, but that decision remains with the owners.

Mayor William Oakley would also like to see another independent market in that location.

Oakley told the attorney that represents the Conway's, the owners of the building, that the city was willing to do "anything legal to encourage somebody to come back to that facility."

The Vining Road interchange would have provided the Tanger Group with heads - just like the kinds of heads the West Branch outlet gets - traffic up and down one of the busiest freeways in all of Michigan, including all the airport traffic.

According to Michigan Department of Transportation, approximately 62,500 cars travel along Westbound I-94 daily, heading to work, to school, on vacation, shopping, or just taking in some leisure driving.

The total volume of cars that travel along I-94 (eastbound and westbound) per day is approximately 125,000 cars.

To calculate average daily traffic, MDOT divides total volume by 2; 50 percent of the traffic travels eastbound, 50 percent of the traffic travels westbound.

The volume of cars traveling daily along northbound I-75, near West Branch, is much lower.

According to MDOT, total volume along I-75 is approximately 10,000 cars.

Using the same formula - dividing total volume by 2 to determine traffic in each direction - average daily traffic is approximately 5,000 cars.

MDOT statistics also indicate that traffic along N-1-75 is mostly recreational - during the weekend traffic volumes increase; in the winter traffic volumes decrease.

Romulus residents wouldn't have been the only folks shopping at the Vining Road location, just like West Branch residents aren't the only ones shopping in that outlet.

There would have been 'heads' from all over the Michigan, out-of-state, Canada, and possibly other countries, shopping at that outlet center - just like the 'heads' that shop at West Branch.

The Tanger Group, headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina, has approximately 27 - 30 outlets around the country. Unfortunately, there is only one in Michigan, off N-1-75, in West Branch.

## Romak receives prestigious "Petosky" environmental award

By ANN PARKER  
MCN Staff Writer

RECAP.

Councilwoman Romak has spent the past 11 years of her life crusading for the environment, particularly Romulus' environment.

Of Romak, Pollack continues "Debbie has spent 11 years fighting for the safety of the people in the community of Romulus..."

Pollack praises Romak "for working tirelessly to stop Michigan's first commercial hazardous waste deep injection well; for learning all there was to know about hazardous waste deep injection wells..."

Pollack continues, Debbie "...reached out to people at the state level and educated them and us on what this issue is..."

Romak's response was "... to receive the first Petosky Award is an honor and with great pride I accept on behalf of all citizens who

have taken part in this courageous fight to protect Michigan's environment."

She adds "... our community has a commitment to take a leadership role and has been recognized by the MEC's highest environmental honor."

Romak thanks "Romulus city council for voting unanimously on all decisions regarding the deep well issue."

"The mayor and city council for appointing me liaison on this matter..."

In addition to receiving the award, Romak has been given the opportunity of selecting a Michigan nonprofit environmental group to receive a \$5,000 contribution in her honor from MEC.

Romak chose RECAP as the nonprofit group to be the recipient of the \$5,000 gift from MEC in her honor.

**Mayor Oakley addresses Chamber**



Debbie Romak receives her environmental award in council chambers.

Mayor William Oakley addressed the Romulus Chamber of Commerce at its October luncheon. Also pictured are Chamber President Kathleen Karas (2nd from left) and chamber board members Dave Goodwin, Mark Lewkowicz and Larry Williams.

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<b>2002 GRAND AM SE COUPE</b>  THIS CAR IS THE BARGAIN OF BARGAINS! 4 speed auto. trans. w/enhanced traction system, cruise control. Stk. #62192 GMS \$14,664.56* LEASE \$193 <sup>66</sup> ** Total due \$2358 or Less	<b>2002 GRAND AM GT COUPE</b>  3.4L V6 w/power steering, 4 spd. auto., traction sys., split fold rear seat, sport int., trunk storage net, pwr. windows/mirrors/driver seat, cruise, leather wrapped strg. whl. & shift knob, lumbar adj. driver seat, headrest & courtesy lamps. Stk. #20933 GMS \$17,195.60* LEASE \$262 <sup>66</sup> ** Total due \$1886 or Less	<b>2002 GRAND PRIX SE SEDAN</b>  OVER 100 GRAND PRIX'S AVAILABLE NOW! 3.1L V-6, auto, remote keyless, AM/FM stereo w/CD & 6 spkr. sound sys., 6-way pwr. driver seat, cargo net, rr. seat pass-thru, 16" 5-spoke alum. whls, P225/60R16 tires. Stk. #62198 GMS \$18,031.88* LEASE \$276 <sup>81</sup> ** Total due \$1900 or Less	<b>2002 SUNFIRE SE COUPE</b>  \$2500 REBATE! 2.2L 4 cyl eng., P195/65R15 touring tires, AM/FM stereo w/CD, eq. rds. & 8 spkr. sound, auto. trans. Stk. #62005 GMS \$11,392.18* LEASE \$209 <sup>81</sup> ** Total due \$2586 or Less	<b>2002 BONNEVILLE SE SEDAN</b>  4 speed auto., 3.8L V6, leather wrapped steering w/radio controls, PW, PL, tilt, cruise. Call for details. Stk. #62118 GMS \$21,611.80* LEASE \$291 <sup>72</sup> ** Total due \$2563 or Less

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2002 PATHFINDER SE	3.9% AVAIL.
 36 MONTH LEASE \$385 <sup>78</sup> ** +tax Total due \$2978.93	Was \$31,633 BUY \$29,132*
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2002 Xterra XE	3.9% AVAIL.
 48 MONTH LEASE \$316 <sup>09</sup> ** +tax Total due \$2275.06	Was \$25,233 BUY \$23,204*
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## NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

**Anti-violence rally**

The members of the Wayne Business & Professional Women and other BPW members from District 9, joined by the Wayne Rotary, and residents and citizens from the area, gathered last week to protest violence in our society. The rally, sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County, and led by Wayne Councilwoman Donna McEachern, crusaded against violence and to make a positive statement for more proactive legislation to eliminate violence in our homes and streets. McEachern later stated that the rally was successful, but lack the numbers it had in the past. Inclement weather - rain and cold - kept the numbers down. The 150 to 220 persons that attended the fourth annual rally also heard Judy Hartsfield, of the Attorney General's Department of Child and Youth Services, say that much more must be done to protect children from violence. Others who participated include the Dearborn Rotary, Belleville Chamber of Commerce and Romulus's FIA.

**Kids offered an alternative to trick-and-treating**

If you think it's a bit dangerous to allow your kid to go out trick-or-treating this year, there are alternatives.

On Oct. 31, Tendercare Wayne Campus, 4429 Venoy Road, is hosting its first "Halloween Spooktacular".

The "Spooktacular" is open to the Wayne community and is intended to provide a safe haven for

trick-or-treating, and it promises to be a lot of fun.

Organizers say that there will be games, prizes, donuts and cider. Trick-or-Treating will be held in the building and residents will pass candy to all children who attend.

Pictures will be available, with proceeds to benefit the Red Cross. The "Spooktacular" is a free

event intended to thank the community for all the support it has given the Living Center over the years, organizers say.

"It is also an excellent way for our residents to participate in Halloween festivities with the rest of the community," officials say.

For further information, contact Tony Fischer, Admissions Director at 734-326-6424.

**Fire fighters to offer smoke detector battery give-away**

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Just a reminder that the Wayne Fire fighters, in conjunction with Northside Hardware, will be conducting their inaugural "Smoke Detector Battery Give-Away" program next week.

The National Fire Protection Association's campaign of "Change Your Clocks - Change Your Battery" recommends that

all residents change their smoke detector batteries at least twice a year in coordination with the time they change their clocks forward or backward.

On Oct. 28, in keeping with Daylight Savings Time, Michigan residents should "fall back" or turn their clocks back an hour.

The free smoke detector give-away program is scheduled for noon until 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the

lot adjacent to the Wayne Fire Department, located on Wayne Road, north of Sims Avenue.

All individuals who wish to pick up a free battery must show proof of Wayne residency.

Fire fighters would like to thank Northside Hardware for their generous donations to make this a life-saving event.

Residents who need further information may call the fire station or dial 734-722-2206.

**Parenting teen program scheduled**

Is your teen pushing the limits? Do you sometimes wonder about the right approach when critical issues arise between you and your teen?

Could you use some positive parenting tips?

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center, a program of Starfish Family Services, understands the challenges parents face raising today's teenagers and wants to help by providing free parent support groups during the month of No-

vember.

In general, most of us learned parenting skills from our own parents. Some of the tools were good and some, let's be honest, were not so good, Counterpoint staff say.

The staff will facilitate weekly support groups for parents that will discuss topics such as Road Blocks to Communication, Strategies to Make Communication Work, How to Say No to Your Teen, and Consequences are Critical, keeping in mind that growing

up is difficult in today's world and that old methods of parenting may not be the best choices.

The Counterpoint support groups begin on Thurs., Nov. 1, and will continue to meet the following three Thursday evenings, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to attend one or all sessions at their convenience.

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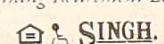
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**ABSTRACT  
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 2001-32  
OCTOBER 16, 2001**

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, McEachern, Haidous, Lentine, Shackelford. Members Absent: Dobrowski, excused. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 2, 2001. APPROVED: resolution honoring Ora Horne on her 100th birthday; bids awarded for 3 computers for the Senior Activity Center and for repairs to Anderson and Forest Ball Fields; resolution requesting Wayne County to close Wayne Rd., between Glenwood Rd. and Michigan Ave. W., on November 17, 2001 for the 2001 Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade; Professional Services Agreement with Office Depot, for the design, construction and installation of three workstations at the Police Dept.; Change Order #1/Final with NTH Consultants, regarding a Hazardous Materials Study & Evaluation of 35550 Michigan Ave. W. and 3429 Sophia St.; contracts with DeMaria Building Co., concerning Central Business District (CBD) Parking Lot #1 and Corby Energy Services Inc., regarding the Streetscape Project Phase III-1; Change Order No. 1 with Warren Contractors & Development, Inc., regarding the Streetscape Project Phase III-A; purchase of 285 banners from Banner Sign Company, for the Streetscape Project Phase III-A; resolution for a lot split for parcel #55-019-02-(0952-0975) 001; amend the purchase agreement between the City and Copper Creek Dev. Corp. to increase the number of houses from 15 to 16; resolution in support of the City of Melvindale's resolution condemning the terrorist attacks on the United States and the random increase in gas prices; Professional Services Agreement with Ameritech New Media for Community Center advertising; contract with the Red Wing Alumni Assoc. for a hockey game on January 26, 2002; acceptance of a TEMA Assistance Grant for the Fire Fighters Grant Program for Fire Fighting Equipment; site plans #2001-18, Grandma's Kitchen, 4429 South Wayne Road, #2001-24, Wayne County RESA, 5454 Venoy Road, #2001-25, Subway/BP Gas Station, 35520 Van Born Road, #2001-26, Career Gear/Wayne, 35080 Chestnut Street; resolution in opposition of the proposed management increase for the Wayne County Community College District. Called Public Hearings for December 4, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. to consider rezoning Parcel #55-014-99-0004-01 and Parcel #55-014-99-0004-702 from Light Industry (IND-11) to Heavy Industry (IND-2) and to consider vacating a portion of the north/south alley between Edmund and Carnegie Star, north of Clinton St. Called Special Meetings for the following: January 2, 2002 due to the holiday on January 1, 2002, August 5, 2002 due to the Primary Election on August 6, 2002 and November 4, 2002 due to the General Election on November 5, 2002. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF INKSTER ON:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

THE POLLS FOR SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M.

UNTIL 8 P.M. POLLING PLACE locations are as follows:

**DISTRICT 1:**

Precinct 1 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlyle

Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlyle

**DISTRICT 2:**

Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt

Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt

Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (Residents Only)

**DISTRICT 3:**

Precinct 1 - Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church - 3505 Walnut

Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton

Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory

Precinct 4 - F.L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia

Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (Residents Only)

**DISTRICT 4:**

Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen

Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield

Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield

**DISTRICT 5:**

Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly

Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis

**DISTRICT 6:**

Precinct 1 - Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Road

Precinct 2 - Daly School - 25824 Michigan Avenue

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# Opinion

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

## Area could elect three new mayors

The war on terrorism has overshadowed most news in the world. I find myself mesmerized by the latest news from the Northern Alliance, as much as I wait to here from correspondents in Romulus or Westland.

But one of the local stories we cannot set aside is the November 6 elections. Like Detroit, three of our communities have spirited races for the top spots on the local ballots. And also like Detroit, the outcome of the mayoral contests will have a profound effect on how our cities will operate in 2002 when war and recession rear their ugly heads.

Westland might not be the City of Detroit in population and regional importance, but the municipality of nearly 100,000 residents will elect a new mayor for the first time in 8 years. A spirited race pits councilpeople Sandy Cicirelli against Richard LeBlanc.

If LeBlanc wins we can expect massive changes. With victory goes the spoils and LeBlanc will probably make numerous personnel changes. Additionally he has vowed to be more fiscally responsible than previous administrations and spearhead a drive to break the contract with the Central Wayne incinerator.

For many in Westland, who have pulled together to recall or force the resignation of four councilpeople, the changes will be welcome. Business as usual, where loyalty is rewarded above all else, is crippling our fair city, many would claim. The Thomas era put finishing touches on that effort.

Cicirelli, on the other hand, who has the support of most of the city worker unions, and is expected to capture the votes of most of the lion's share of Price backers, would probably leave many of the department heads in place. Many of the practices and policies of the previous administration would probably be continued.

Thus Westland voters will have a clear choice. This deeply divided community which appears evenly split between the two candidates will be watched closely November 6 as returns are an-

nounced. One things for sure - the winner will have a monumental task in attempting to bring the warring factions of this community together.

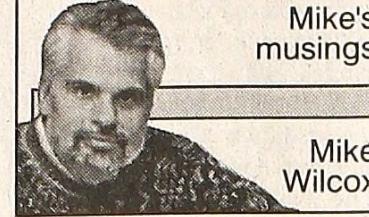
There are no wars on Wayne's City Council, but there is an extremely close race for mayor. Incumbent Robert Dickerson is being challenged by longtime councilperson, Al Haidous.

Both men are well-liked, work hard, and have the best interests of Wayne in their hearts. Haidous has been a businessman in the community for many years. In 1994 when I purchased these newspapers, he was one of the first to personally congratulate me. When we moved our offices a month ago, he was the first and only person to say thanks for staying in Wayne.

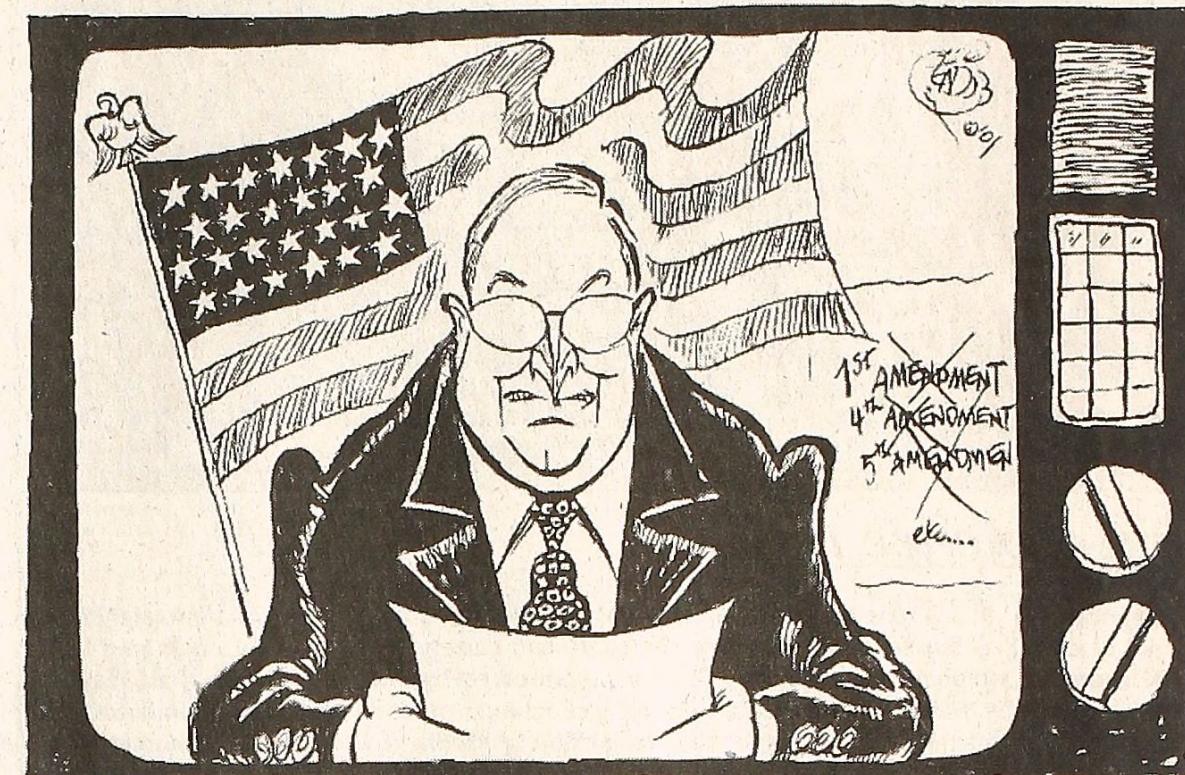
I'm sure Dickerson thinks the same. His climb to mayor was tainted by an alliance with ostracized councilperson Shirley Powser, but since then he was proven to be a very effective leader who has the pulse of the community at his fingertips.

In Romulus the election pits an experienced, several-term mayor, against a young, aggressive school board president. Mayor William Oakley probably knows more about governing Romulus than anyone. He knows what he wants, and if you dare challenge his authority or opinion, you are likely to be verbally rebuked, as reporter Ann Parker was when she asked too many questions about the lack of retail business in Romulus at a question and answer session with the mayor.

The question Romulus voters must answer is are they better off with the grandfatherly, tough-minded Oakley, or should they opt for a younger Alan Lambert, who has very little experience, but a lot of ambition? Only time will give us this answer.



Mike's  
musings  
Mike  
Wilcox



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## No' Mo' Tax Money

When US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recited the WWII motto "Loose lips sink ships," he was referring to battle plans, not to Westland's Nov. 6 millage issues.

But you couldn't tell by the way proponents have been avoiding public discussions of the 1.5-mill Wayne County Community College (WC3) tax and the .8-mill Westland sanitation tax renewal.

It's as if proponents fear that if the truth about their proposals ever got out, Westlanders would try to torpedo both proposals. So proponents have instead decided, like German U-boat captains, to run their campaigns silent and deep.

Cruising 60 leagues below Westland radar is the WC3 proposal. The silence in Westland is deliberate, according to state Rep. William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, sponsor of a bill to allow a community to switch community college districts.

That's because in last year's presidential election WC3 lost an audible millage increase campaign by 28,000 votes out of slightly more than 400,000. Passage would have rocketed WC3's tax revenue up from \$20 million total to \$35 million a year.

To WC3, the election loss was not a defeat, only time to retreat until a more favorable battleground emerged, as it will on Nov. 6. On that date, Detroit, with many pro-WC3 apartment dwellers who vote but don't pay property taxes, will choose a new mayor; while many out-county suburbs, with anti-WC3 homeowners, aren't holding city elections. Thus pro-WC3 Detroit voters could overwhelm out-county voters and pass the increase.

The increase would cost Westland taxpayers living in the WC3 district (which corresponds to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district) another \$1.5 million a year, bumping WC3's Westland revenue up to \$2.5 million a year.

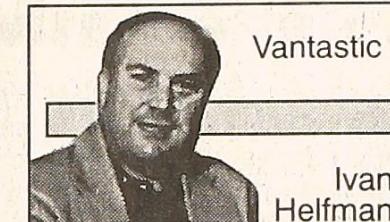
That's a lot of money for the 10 or so Westland students attending WC3. Most Westland community college students pay full tuition and attend Schoolcraft Community College, which has a Westland campus.

"There's probably 100 times the number of students going to Schoolcraft," said Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "It's not right for those students to be forced to pay nonresident rates, to be locked into WC3, and never be able to change."

Consequently, Anderson supports the O'Neil's goal to enable districts to switch community college districts. However, he said that the bill won't work smoothly unless legislators fine-tune the bills' language.

"There's going to be a great battle over it because WC3 doesn't want to lose the revenue from this area," Anderson said.

The battle over the O'Neil bill



Vantastic  
Ivan  
Helfman

would be easier to win if voters turn down WC3's millage increase request because there would be less money at stake. And Westlanders would save enough to pay sanitation costs, which is the issue in the other silent election.

In that one, Westland voters are being asked to bail out the city to the tune of about \$850 thousand a year for the city council's incomprehensible approval of a 30-year extension to the city's pricey incineration contract. Under the incineration contract, Westland pays tipping fees at five-six times the going rate.

Westland taxpayers are being forced to pay for the mistake, a penalty that will be extended if taxpayers renew the city's one-mill incinerator millage, which expires June 30.

Meanwhile, city council members boast of future plans to renegotiate the contract or, following the lead of hundreds of other communities, to hire a special attorney to break it. Once the contract is torn up, the community can repay the incinerator bonds quickly from savings derived from switching to low-cost landfills.

However, since the council is all talk and no action, taxpayers should vote down all sanitation millages until council members instigate some corrective action.

A vote for either the sanitation or WC3 millage in this stealth election would signal all taxing agencies that Westlanders are patient and willing to finance anything at five-six times the going rate as long as everybody remains silent.

## Butt out, Johnson

To the editor:

In the Oct. 11 paper, a letter was written by Cliff Johnson, a Wayne resident and president of the Wayne Metro Democratic Club, endorsing Sandy Cicirelli for Mayor of Westland, and encouraging the citizens of Westland to vote for her, even though the Westland Democratic Club members has endorsed Richard LeBlanc.

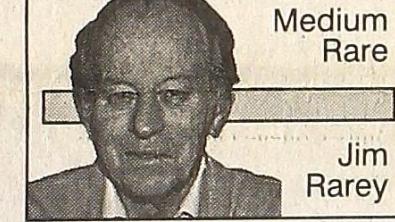
Cliff, since you don't pay taxes in Westland and you are a Wayne resident, perhaps this is why you make that decision. The letter that was written by a long time resident of Westland, Lida Hartman, explained that Sandy would get a pension after four years of being mayor of close to \$60,000 per year for life, and Richard LeBlanc would get zero pension and no benefits after four years as Mayor of Westland.

So, Mr. Cliff Johnson, you don't like in Westland, or vote in Westland. You live in Wayne, where you vote, and I would appreciate you keeping your nose in Wayne, where you vote and out of Westland, where you can't vote.

I remember you endorsed Sharon Schott, instead of long time union member Glen Anderson for State Representative. We all know what happened. We now have a great State Representative, Glen Anderson. So we residents don't have to worry about Cliff's endorsement. Cliff has a record of backing unsuccessful candidates.

Sincerely,  
Marian Greenfield  
Westland

## Automatic pay raises — a non-issue?



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Jim  
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opposition. Mobile home owners constitute a small minority of voters in the state and have little political clout. Additionally, a perception has been fostered (mostly by money hungry politicians) that mobile home owners are not paying their "fair share" of taxes.

The bills (House Bills 4580, 4807 and 4808) will likely receive strong support from lobbyists for government at all levels. Legislators at all levels of government are scrambling for new revenue due to the current economic downturn (even being correctly called a recession by some).

Even the trade associations for manufacturers and sellers of mobile homes would see the repeal of the sales tax as allowing them to advertise lower prices on new and used mobile homes.

As yet, no estimates have been published as to how much additional revenue the changes would bring into the state's coffers. However, it certainly will not be enough to allow the politicians to maintain their current level of spending, much less increase it as most want to do.

One thing is certain. The politicians in Lansing (and at the local level) will continue to search for new ways to raise additional tax revenue.

decrease in value over time. That question would probably be dealt with in the state regulations that local assessors must follow.

Included in the package is a provision that would repeal state sales taxes currently applied to purchases of mobile homes. At first impression, that might seem like a net reduction in state tax revenues. Actually, the state would be trading the one time tax on purchases for a continuing (and growing) state property tax as well as increases to the state "educational fund" increased by higher school taxes collected at the local level. This would make more money available in the general fund for state politicians to spend on other programs.

Local and county governments would also collect (and spend) more in property taxes as a result of the increased tax base.

There is a good possibility Scanton's package may sail through the legislature with little

Also, when you call this cable company that we have, you can't get through. Their call volume is awfully heavy. Why?

**Election of Sandra Cicirelli offers Westland voters same kind of mayor**

Last time we warned you about the poor candidates you were about to elect to the Westland City Council, but you did, and then you had to get rid of them.

Now for mayor, we have Sandy Cicirelli with her connections to those same people, but we hear voters support her for mayor. It's another mistake, but don't cry, "How do we get these lousy politicians in office in Westland all the time?"

You will only have to look in the mirror, but the damage will be done.

If you don't think she'll be more of the same, ask her if she's going to keep Mayor Thomas' wife on her staff.

**Thank you Councilman Godbout for pointing out mistaken ordinance**

You rightfully pointed out that three items could not be purchased by Westland due to the ethics policy.

You can add that to the list of 'oops' the city committed in the past.

No means of measuring candle power for the lighting ordinance, and no device to measure sound for the noise ordinance.

I guess what you can see and hear in Westland may not be ethically correct.

See **SOUND OFF**, page A-7



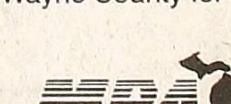
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**LETTERS FROM OUR READERS**

# Union presidents debate election

## Firefighters' prez blasts UAW locals

*To the editor:*

I am writing this letter to address some issues I have concerning labor endorsements for city of Westland Mayor and Council. Also, I write to my labor brothers and sisters who are, or have been, associated with UAW Region 1A and live in Westland.

First, I would like to talk specifically about the UAW Region 1A candidate endorsements for the city of Westland mayor. I was surprised to learn a few months ago that your organization chose not to endorse a candidate in the primary election for mayor of Westland. I was also surprised to learn, through a conversation last week with your organization, that their intent is to not endorse for the general election.

I understand that this issue is a complicated one for the Region 1A Committee. I realize that UAW Locals 845 and 900 have endorsed Richard LeBlanc and that Mr. LeBlanc is a member of Local 845. I am sure that I am stating the obvious when I say that the leadership in Local 845 and 900 are close, personal, friends of Mr. LeBlanc. I even understand that those leaders, due to their friendships, may have acted hastily and even counter to the Region 1A endorsement policies in Mr. LeBlanc's case.

## UAW locals back LeBlanc

*To the editor:*

I am writing in response to the letter from Mr. Hosmer, (a non Westland resident). I guess the first issues must be the Region 1-A endorsement/non-endorsement. Just because our Regional Cap Committee choice not to endorse in the primary or in the general election, that does not necessarily reflect the feeling of all the members of the UAW. One great thing about our Union is that the members are not sheep that follow blindly. I think that we proved that last year when we endorsed Glen Anderson over the Regional Cap and the COPE endorsement. Mr. Hosmer made much over the fact that my Local (Local 845) and Local 900 went against the system by endorsing Richard LeBlanc for Mayor of Westland. He insinuated that the only reason we did so was because we were close "personal friends."

What Mr. Hosmer failed to mention (either because of his lack of great involvement in the Labor Movement or on purpose, you the readers decide which) is that Local 845 and Local 900 were only two of many UAW Locals that endorse Richard LeBlanc for Mayor of Westland. Others are UAW Locals 600, 182, 36, 849, 892, and 898 just to name some. I guess Richard must have many good friends that are principal Union Officers.

He also made much of the fact that Richard was the only council person to vote against their last contract. Well if I was a citizen of Westland I would have to think, why would a Union person vote against a union contract? Could the answer be that Richard thought it was not in the best interest of the 90,000 people that live in this city. So he did what he has always did, he made a decision that he felt was not in the best interest of the city of Westland. Would you the voters want him to do any different, even though it was a vote against the city Union workers?

Regarding the allegation that LeBlanc does not identify himself as being part of the UAW, you flat-out lied. You received his literature at the COPE screening which stated his membership in Local 845. So did every other residence in the entire city. Also every UAW member and UAW retiree in this city received a letter touting his 24 years as a member of our Union.

I wonder what has been promised by Ms. Cicirelli that has Mr. Hosmer "hoping to see Sandy Cicirelli sitting across the bargaining table in contract negotiations". I also have helped negotiate a few contracts in my 32 years as a UAW worker and Leader. I am always glad to see members of management sitting across from me that I know will give me anything I want for my members. However I also live in the real world and those management types don't exist in the corporate world. I hope we don't end up with one as our Mayor. I might also mention to Mr. Hosmer (since he is so involved in the Labor movement) that the city

I also understand that Local 157 (City of Westland Supervisors Association) requested that the Region 1A stay out of Westland's mayoral race before the primary, however, recently requested endorsement of Sandy Cicirelli in the general election. Regardless of these things, I am taking the time to write for the following reasons:

The one thing I am more proud of than serving citizens as a firefighter is my involvement in the labor movement. I am proud to be a member of IAFF Local 1279, the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (I hold the office of Eastern District Trustee), the International Association of Fire Fighters (I am State Representative), and the AFL-CIO (I am on the Wayne County COPE Screening Committee).

I find it difficult to understand when a politician seeks the endorsement of a union, of which he is a member, (and where his very good friends are principle officers) yet offers no indication to the voters that he is even associated with the union. Nowhere on Mr. LeBlanc's literature will you find that he identifies himself as a part of your organization. How can this be?

When this is parlayed with the fact that Mr. LeBlanc insures that the union bug is only on selective

literature, he shows what I believe is his true malaise for labor. He goes out of his way to offer an illusion of labor friendliness, yet does not attach himself to what we are within labor. His actions run counter to everything that we within labor are proud to be associated with. I really struggle with this. I also would ask you to consider this; how do you suppose Mr. LeBlanc would interact with the bargaining units within the city if he were elected?

By contrast, Sandy Cicirelli has consistently proven herself to be a friend of labor. For the past twelve years her labor record is flawless. I sit on the AFL-CIO COPE screening committee. The committee unanimously moved to endorse Sandy for those same reasons. Richard LeBlanc simply fell way short for labor in that committee's eyes.

I am the principle voice representing my union in contract negotiations. All I hope for is the opportunity to reach a fair work agreement that is acceptable to my members, the city administration, and the Council. It is Sandy Cicirelli that I hope to see sitting across the bargaining table in contract negotiations. Sandy is the candidate my union, both police department unions, and AFSCME local 1602, and your own UAW local 157 within the city have endorsed in that common desire.

That makes all five of the five units in the City of Westland. The last unit I mentioned is the supervisors association.

Unlike the first four units mentioned, Local 157 will be under contract throughout the entire term of the next mayor of Westland. Ironically, that is the contract that only Mr. LeBlanc voted to reject as a Councilman. (That UAW contract passed Council by a 6-1 vote, with LeBlanc as the only no vote.)

I strongly urge you to vote for Sandra Cicirelli for Mayor of Westland. She is clearly the right choice for labor, including all UAW members. The same can be said for Joe Eadeh, William Wild, Mike Kehrer, and Chuck Pickering.

Sincerely,  
Edward J. Hosmer  
President, Westland  
Firefighters Association

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

### CITY OF INKSTER

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#### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the City of Inkster, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

The following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Inkster at the special election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2001:

#### WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2001 to 2010, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$32,349,210 when first levied in 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the Community College District, to wit:

"I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, County Treasurer of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 25, 2001, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the .18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District, in said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2001 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2001
Wayne County Community College	August 8, 2000	.25 mills	2001 thru 2005
City of Inkster School District	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2004
Taylor School District	June 10, 1996	18 mills	2001 thru 2005 Inclusive
Wayne-Westland Community School District	March 23, 1998	18 mills	2001 thru 2003 Inclusive
Westwood Community School District	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2001 thru 2010 Inclusive
	June 8, 1998	18 mills	2001 thru 2014 Inclusive

Signed: RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ  
Wayne County Treasurer

Date: October 2, 2001

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;  
(b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting for the special election to be held on November 6, 2001, will be as follows:

#### CITY OF INKSTER POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

##### DISTRICT 1:

Precinct 1 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlyle

Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlyle

##### DISTRICT 2:

Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt

Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt

Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (Residents Only)

##### DISTRICT 3:

Precinct 1 - Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church - 3505 Walnut

Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton

Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory

Precinct 4 - F. L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia

Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (Residents Only)

##### DISTRICT 4:

Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen

Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield

Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield

##### DISTRICT 5:

Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly

Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis

##### DISTRICT 6:

Precinct 1 - Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Road

Precinct 2 - Daly School - 25824 Michigan Avenue

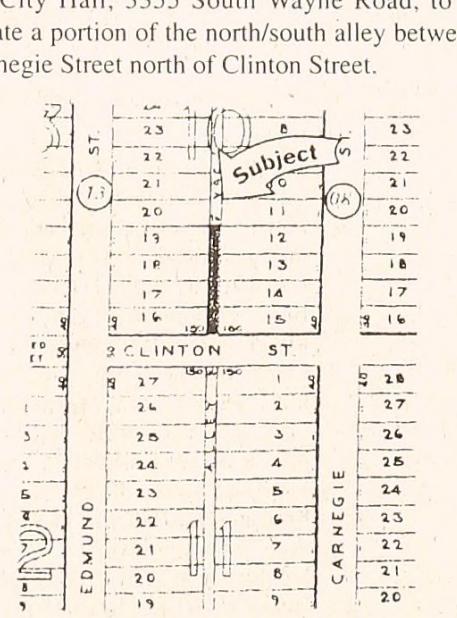
This Notice is given by order of the City of Inkster, State of Michigan.

Kimberly Turner, City Clerk,  
City of Inkster, Michigan

Publish: October 25, 2001  
November 1, 2001

## CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wayne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider a request to vacate a portion of the north/south alley between Edmund Street and Carnegie Street north of Clinton Street.



At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council for its consideration.

Peter J. McInerney  
Community Development Director

Publish: October 25, 2001

## MORE LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

**Firefighter responds to critic***To the editor:*

First of all donations are collected and flags are flown because this is a time of national unity.

The 9-11 tragedy was a national tragedy. (National meaning within our whole great nation.)

Firefighters throughout the country are raising money for the families of over 300 of our fallen brothers.

I am proud to say in Westland alone we collected over \$125,000. And at no time were any of the

vehicles left unattended or in jeopardy of being stolen.

It sounded to me that the author of the Sound Off is a very unhappy little person, who is just annoyed at the inconvenience of traffic. And I get the feeling they are the same type of people that beep and holler out the windows when emergency vehicles are blocking the roadway at auto accidents.

My only comment to that is "If you want to get somewhere one light sooner, leave your house a

little earlier."

Secondly, you should never talk about something you know nothing about. Our 16th President once said "It's better to be silent and thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt."

The Brotherhood of Firefighters has a stronger bond than you could possibly fathom. It's a second family and internal support group. We spend days and nights, holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries together. We experience life and death together everyday

In somewhat we are closer than a lot of real families.

The 9-11 tragedy effected all firefighters because the New York Firefighters lost their lives doing a job we do everyday. And it could have happened here and to us.

So in closing, be thankful you have Firefighters who sacrifice a lot for your safety. And think about that next time you want to complain.

*Captain M. Wilhite  
Westland firefighter*

**LeBlanc's character is above reproach***To the editor:*

We have read a lot of letters on who should be our next Mayor.

We have also seen a lot of untruths in these letters about Richard LeBlanc. To anyone who reads the untruths and questions them, please feel free to call Mr. LeBlanc at 729-0667 and ask him.

He will be glad to answer any question you ask.

We feel his honesty and integrity is above reproach and we are proud to be able to say we are voting for him for the next Mayor of Westland.

Please go to the polls on Nov. 6th and cast your vote for RICHARD LEBLANC!

*Proud Supporters,  
Howard and Georgia Becker*

**Westland needs Sandra Cicirelli's compassion***To the editor:*

Decisions, decisions, decisions. Serving as your councilman this past year I have been required to make a lot of decisions about what is best for our city. As a citizen and a councilman I have come to another decision. Who I am supporting for mayor.

This decision was not an easy one, and quite frankly one I could have avoided making but I believed to be important to remain silent. My choice for mayor is Sandy Cicirelli. Sandy's 12 years as our council person has clearly demonstrated her leadership ability.

Sandy's compassion, caring, and integrity are exactly what

we need in the mayor's office these next four years. Her ability to build bridges on a foundation of respect, honor and decency will pave the way for Westland to be a great city in which to live, work, and raise our families.

Sandy has proven ability to work with others to build a consensus for the things she believes in. Sandy Cicirelli's 10 point plan is solid. Her vision for Westland is clear. Sandy Cicirelli is ready to be Mayor. Please join me in supporting Sandy Cicirelli on November 6, 2001.

*Regards,  
Dennis LeMaire  
Westland*

**Elected clerk vote will be challenged***To the editor:*

First of all I want to make a correction to my last letter: 1995 was wrong, it was around 1997, the last year of Dave Cox (so we hoped); and if anyone thought I was taking shots at Bob Kosowski or Jim Elrod, let me tell you now that's not the case. Since Bob and Jim got their positions, I think they have done a good job.

Bob has shined as Parks and Rec director, and I do like Bob. Jim has done a good job as assessor, and other than a few times I questioned his adding and subtracting, I think he's done a good job, and I like him.

I read in the papers that some

of Sandy Cicirelli's supporters didn't think it was fair for Richard LeBlanc to name Eileen DeHart as his choice for assistant mayor. WOW!!

In my opinion, the only reason Sandy hasn't named her assistant mayor is that my two favorite people for over 20 years haven't told her who it is yet!!

But to the people of Westland, in my opinion, if Sandy became mayor, when it comes time to pick key people for her administration, you can use a list of former city employees to start with.

After all, then they can pad their retirement package, and live high on the hog.

But I don't think you will see

Bozo T. Clown. After all, he retired from public life but said every now and then he would make special appearances, but only in Chicago.

Do you remember two years ago when I wrote a letter about what was promised for the votes that brought back Dave Cox, - Later, I went to the council and addressed the one part to Sharon Scott, who played it to the hilt.

Around that time, I talked to Sandy Cicirelli on my phone about why I said the jury was still out. Well it's been back for a while.

OK, let's do one before it comes again, do you remember when petitions were carried around to make the city clerk an elected of

fice only to be told the wording was wrong; but when state Rep. Eileen DeHart asked the state Attorney General for an opinion, the City Attorney, Angelo Plakas, sent it up north to a former colleague

Almost a year later it came back (with some dust on it), now we are voting on the issue Nov. 6. But if it passes, don't think in 2003 we will be voting on a city clerk. You see, I'm saying that a group of people will challenge it.

*James R. Davis  
Westland*

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001 SPECIAL GENERAL  
ELECTION NOTICE**

(Four precincts of the Charter Township of Canton Only)

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PRECINCTS #2, #15, #20, AND #28 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON,** notice is hereby given that a Special General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton in precinct #2, #15, #20 and #28 (only) November 6, 2001 from 7:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of casting votes on the following Wayne County Community College District millage proposal:

Shall the Limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2001 to 2010, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$32,349,210.00 when first levied in 2001.

Yes No

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting property in the Community College District, to wit:

"I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, County Treasurer of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby Certify that according to the records of my office, as of October 1, 2001, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District, in the Said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Years Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2001 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2001
Wayne County Community College	August 8, 2000	.25 mills	2001 thru 2005
Wayne-Westland Schools	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2004
Van Buren Schools	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2001 thru 2010 Inclusive
	March 10, 1997	18 mills	2001 Inclusive

Signed: Raymond J. Wojtowicz  
Wayne County Treasurer

Dated : September 26, 2001

Each person voting must be a United States Citizen over eighteen years of age and a registered elector of the Charter Township of Canton.

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
2	Human Services Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
20	Canton Administration Building	1150 S. Canton Center
28	Agape Christian Academy	45081 Geddes

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center, will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 2, 2001 for securing and voting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 5, 2001, those requesting a absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 P.M. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day November 6, 2001. All Absentee ballots that are returned in person, must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. on November 5, 2001.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 1-734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Publish: October 25, 2001

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Lorenzo Burton Center, 35408 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
6	Budgets Community Center, 7040 Shawnee Drive, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Lorena Burton Center, 35408 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
15	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
16	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653a the Michigan Elections Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 25, 2001  
November 1, 2001

## Sound Off

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### Caller considers the possible political future of David Cox

I have heard that a new mayor is on the horizon for the city of Romulus. First on his list will be the removal of Mr. David Cox.

Does that mean Westland has to worry about him coming back to our political realm? And heaven help us if he tries for school board again.

**Congratulations On Your Engagement**

Ted and Carol Gilliland of Romulus announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Gilliland, to Dan Nagy, son of Frank and Carol Nagy of New Boston. Megan is a graduate of Romulus High School and Albion College. She works for Block's Stand & Greenhouse. Dan graduated from Huron High in New Boston and has his Journeyman License. He is employed at Carpentry by Woodcraft in Livonia. The couple will be married on June 29, 2002 at St. Aloysius in Romulus.

## PLEA FROM ALAN LAMBERT

Driving thru town recently, I have observed several campaign signs destroyed. Several of mine have been stolen or destroyed, as well as signs of other candidates.

As your neighbor and fellow U.S. citizen, I ask that you please stop the destruction and theft.

Voting is a U.S. privilege – please make your decision in good faith and not vandalism.

*Alan R. Lambert*

**Birth Announcements**

**Michael John McMurray**  
Born: October 3, 2001  
at 7:47 p.m.  
weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz  
21" in length  
**Proud Parents:**  
Angela and Rob McMurray  
of Eaton Rapids  
**Grand Parents:**  
Ed and Donna McMurray and  
John and Vicki Overla

## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 01/02-30

### REPAVING TWO COURTS AT ELMER JOHNSON PARK

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., October 30, 2001. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

#### BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

BID 01/02-30

REPAVING TWO COURTS AT ELMER JOHNSON PARK

11111 WAYNE ROAD

ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

A bid bond is not required. A performance bond in the amount of the bid may be required at contract signing.

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How about heading up to Lansing? I think the David Jaye district could be looking for a similar replacement.

### WCCC wants more money from Westland residents

On the ballot Nov. 6 will be a mileage increase for Wayne County Community College. Please vote No.

Here are the reasons: For decades the WCCC has collected money from Westland residents,

yet we are not mailed any schedules or catalogs from the school. Even if we request them, they don't arrive until after the classes begin. Classes for WCCC are held in Detroit at Joy and Greenfield and also at Fort St. Downtown.

They do have a campus near us, but they offer very little in the way of real classes. They offer online and TV classes. These are not

the same.

It's time that Westland found a way out of this funding of a college that doesn't look out for the residents of Westland who pay their salaries and expenses from our tax dollars.

Also, contact Rep. Glenn Anderson to show your support that we want out of WCCC now. Only half of Westland is in WCCC.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2001

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Environmental Director Ballard, Park Manager Camis, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty five (25).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the combining of "Public Hearing" Items #3 "To consider establishing Industrial Development District Number 18," and #4 "To consider request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Visteon Corporation." Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Payne moved, Jahr seconded to open the public hearing to consider the 2001 Amended General Fund Budget and the 2002 Proposed General Fund Budget. Carried. Treasurer Budd thanked the Directors for their efforts in preparing the 2001 Amended and 2002 Proposed General Fund Budgets. The Budget before the Board is balanced. Treasurer Budd stated that when the Budget is approved, guidelines items A through F as noted in her October 5th memo apply. They are: revenue in excess of expenditures shall revert to Fund Balance; fiscal year items not expensed and those not specifically reserved will revert to net income; approval of appendices noted [in memo] above as part of the General Fund Budget; the allocated millage for the township operations; adoption of the Budget is by department total and finally the October 16, 2001, approval supersedes prior resolutions.

Supervisor King stated the 2001 Amended General Fund total is \$8,843,387 and the 2002 Proposed General Fund Budget is \$10,061,197. In addition, she briefly reviewed anticipated revenues with conservative projections for state-shared revenue and various department expenditures including the spending of grant funds for the development of a trail ways design, public safety computer-aided dispatch and Quirk Park. She referenced the consolidation of the Developmental Services, Ordinance and Planning Departments into a single department to be titled "Developmental Services." Further, she explained the process that commenced in June of 2001 and included budget preparation meetings that were held in August that led to the budget being proposed for adoption at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Hart expressed his appreciation to the staff for their hard work and the fine-tuning that was necessary to result in a balanced budget.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to consider the 2001 Amended Special Revenue Fund Budgets and the 2002 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budgets. Carried.

Supervisor King stated the Special Revenue Funds are separate funds from the General Fund. They include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which funds various improvements including contributions to the Senior Program, Quirk Park and fire equipment; the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) whose projects include the Belleville Road Streetscape, a contribution to Quirk Park and the Bond payment for Township Hall, French Landing Improvement Project which was used to finance repairs to the dam. The final special assessment for lake front property owners will appear on the winter tax bill for the year 2001 with a final bond payment being made in 2002. Other Special Revenue Funds include the Capital Improvement Fund whose projects for 2001 were Fire Stations II and III roof repairs, the Gym HVAC, new ceiling and lights and closet renovation for Police Department; the 2002 proposed projects are a pole barn for Van Buren Park, Township Hall repairs of the exterior walls, paint, repairs to the parking lot and to correct HVAC problems in the Police Department; and Federal and State Forfeiture Funds that have strict guidelines for determining how those funds are spent. The Federal Forfeiture Fund in 2001 will close out and the State Forfeiture Fund will continue to fund appropriate expenditures for Public Safety projects and should realize a fund balance of \$90,409 for 2002. The Landfill Fund created as a result of the host community agreement with Waste Management outlines royalties earmarked for specific departments. Those include \$200,000 for Public Safety, \$100,000 for Parks and Recreation, and \$50,000 for Environmental. Projected gate yard fees are \$2,000,000 for 2002. Special Revenue Funds also includes the Belleville Area Museum; the E-911 Service Fund; the Hannan Road Special Assessment District and the Bemis Road Special Assessment District which funded the paving of those roads.

Treasurer Budd thanked Parks Manager Camis for his work on the Community Development Block Grant. She noted the Landfill Fund \$1.5 million transfer for General Fund operating expenses.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing [to consider establishing Industrial Development District Number 18 and to consider request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Visteon Corporation]. Carried.

The Township is in receipt of a request for a tax abatement from Visteon Corporation. They are looking to consolidate more than 20 non-manufacturing locations in southeastern Michigan. Van Buren Township is one of many locations Visteon is considering for possible location for their world headquarters. The proposed application states an estimated investment of \$300,000,000 - \$350,000,000 in facility construction and approximately 3,575 skilled and/or professional level jobs. Visteon is the world's second largest automotive supplier, employing nearly 80,000 employees in 25 countries, selling to the 19 largest vehicle manufacturers in the world and in 2000, realized global sales of \$19.5 billion. The first action required since the area is not currently in an Industrial Development District (IDD) and Public Act 198, which governs tax abatements, requires the Township to establish an IDD prior to considering tax abatement is establishing IDD District number 18. The area under consideration has sixteen individual parcels that encompass 220 acres and is generally bounded by Ecorse Road, Tyler Road, Hannan Road and I-275. The second action required would be to grant all Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Agreement with Visteon. The agreement is based upon guidelines the Township has previously established outlining the criteria used to determine the length of the IFT. In this case, there is also a proposed Amendment that sets forth reasonable expectations with respect to project completion and compliance in meeting state objectives. The third action required is the adoption of

the same.

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Resolution 2001-26, which would authorize an IFT for both real and personal property at 50% for a period of twelve years with Visteon Corporation. Supervisor King ended with paraphrasing Visteon's mission statement "to increase share holder value by delivering systems solutions that help our customers exceed their goals, are safe and environmentally responsible, and distinguish Visteon as the supplier, employer and community citizen of choice".

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

**MINUTES:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 1, 2001, as presented. Carried. Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2001, as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the 2001 Amended General Fund Budget as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated October 5, 2001, noting items A through F inclusive. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the 2002 Proposed General Fund Budget as presented and as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated October 5, 2001, noting items A through F inclusive. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the 2001 Amended Special Revenue Fund Budgets as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated October 5, 2001, noting items A through D inclusive. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the 2002 Proposed Special Revenue Fund Budgets as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated October 5, 2001, noting items A through D inclusive. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-25 Establishing Industrial Development District Number 18 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Agreement and Amendment with Visteon Corporation and authorize the Supervisor [and Clerk] to execute the documents. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-26 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Visteon Corporation [50% abatement on real and personal property for twelve years] as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the revised Fred C. Fischer Library Agreement including the amended cost-sharing formula and the budget attached to the Agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-27 Hull Road [35 m.p.h.] speed limit request. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-28 tax reverted lands [and authorize the Supervisor to sign the application]. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of Carol Thompson and George Deverich to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2004. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-29 Downriver Linked Greenways Consortium. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the McKenna Associates agreement to provide Professional Planning and Design Services for the Development of a Conceptual Greenway Design and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the document as presented. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the voucher list of October 16, 2001, as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the September 2001 Budgetary Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor King welcomed Public Safety Director Elg who was in attendance tonight.

On Wednesday, October 17th an Open Space Workshop will be held at the Township Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For further information contact the Environmental Department at 699-8913.

The Chamber of Commerce Craft show will be held on November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in Belleville High School Cafeteria.

The November 5, 2001, Work Study Meeting and November 6, 2001, Board Meeting are both canceled due to the Wayne County Community College Special Election on November 6th.

On Wednesday November 7th the Belleville Professional Women will host their annual Fashion Show at the Woodlands of Van Buren. Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12th in observance of Veterans Day.

The Belleville Central Business Community rescheduled date for the "Coasters" in concert is November 17th at 7:30 p.m.

A Special Election for the Wayne County Community College District will be held on November 6th. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Saturday, November 3rd. On Monday, November 5th ballots may be obtained however these ballots must be voted at the township hall. For information regarding this election contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909.

Beverly Jenkins a local resident and writer is being honored by the YWCA with the 2001 Woman of Achievement Award.

The Recreation Department will be holding a Babysitters Class taught by the American Red Cross; the "Annual Trick or Treat" at the Township Hall will be held on Thursday, October 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and the 2001 Haunted Forest will be held on every Friday and Saturday night during the month of October. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association will be holding its statewide Executive Development Summit at township hall on October 25th.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Two residents of Charter Club Estates express their concerns with problems in this subdivision concerning high weeds, streets flooding, a high driveway and other related building concerns. Supervisor King said township officials would be willing to meet with affected homeowners to resolve these concerns.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannic D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

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# Sports

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

## Belleville tunes up for Glenn with win over Ypsi

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With an enviable 7-2 record and a share of the coveted Mega Conference, Red Division football championship safely stashed away in their display case, Belleville coach Bob LaPointe and quarterback Jerriel Burrus can now concentrate on the state playoffs.

In Belleville's sights is Westland John Glenn, a team that is also coming off of a successful 7-2 regular season. The Westlanders also have the Western Lakes, Lakes Division title in their pockets. Glenn lost the conference title to the state's No. 1 ranked team, Farmington Hills Harrison.

### Wayne's valiant effort falls short against Glenn

### Canton awaits Novi

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Never before has Plymouth-Canton entered the post-season with so much optimism.

And, rightfully so.

The Chiefs are 8-1 and rule the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

After blowing away natural rival, Plymouth-Salem, 49-7, Friday night for its eighth win in nine starts, Canton earned the "city title" and the right to face a 6-3 Novi team on the home turf at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the state playoffs.

Most local and area high school coaches note that Novi's record is deceptive. They have the talent to cause Canton coach Tim Baechler and his staff some concern. You don't win six games without talent, the consensus is.

Clinton's only loss of the 2001 campaign was to Farmington Hills Harrison, a team ranked No. 1 in the state throughout the season.

Harrison went on to beat Westland John Glenn for the Western Lakes Conference championship.

In the meantime, Canton embarrassed its traditional opponent, Salem, before a huge crowd that showed up anticipating a showdown between the two local high schools. The showdown didn't materialize as Canton's senior quarterback Brendan Murphy and senior running back Dane Kobus put on a show of their own. Murphy completed all six of his passes which accounted for two of the Chiefs' touchdowns and 157 yards. Kobus just continued to do his thing: he scored three TDs.

Salem had no defense for Murphy's pinpoint aerial assault.

Kobus's spectacular night against his arch-foes included three touchdowns, rushing for more than 90 yards.

Photos by Carl Brown

### A winless season for Eagles

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

It's been an unforgettable season for Coach Wade Cook and his Eagles at Romulus High.

They finished 0-8. A year ago at this time they were 9-0.

"I told the kids not to forget this season because you learn more from your setbacks than from your

victories," said Cook, who brought the curtains down on his sophomore year at Romulus as head coach. After an undefeated 9-0 season and the Michigan Community Newspapers' "Coach of the Year" in 2000, it had to be a hard pill to swallow.

Cook says it was a disappointing season, but not because they finished winless.

"We lost a heck of a lot of talent a year ago," Cook continued. "And we had to fill up the ranks with a lot of young and inexperienced players. We installed the kind of game plan we felt was suitable for

these kids. It took time to learn, and I believe this has been an excellent learning season for all of us."

"We had two real fine players in Searcy (Charles Searcy, an All-State running back a year ago) and Harbor (Fred Harbor; an All-Conference and All-Area candidate a year ago, but then we lost the most of the offensive line and defense, so this was a rebuilding year for us."

Romulus has won three consecutive championships in the Mega-Gold and Mega-Blue Divisions.

Intercepted twice deep in their own territory and also giving up the ball on a fumble, also deep in their territory, led to Rouge scores and the Bulldogs' seventh loss in nine starts this season.

"Our defense was getting the job done, but our offense was not in sync."

The defense came up with Belleville's second score of the game early in the third quarter when defensive back Greg Bond scooped up an Ypsi fumble and ran it back 35 yards for the touchdown. Then, late in the same quarter, Burrus engineered a mid-field drive that was capped by fullback Devon Geralds' seven-yard straight up-the-middle touchdown run.

Geralds had nine chances with the ball and finished with 61 yards

rushing, and the one TD. Teammate Ivan Kindell chipped in 32 yards on eight attempts.

"I've got to say that our entire defense played well," LaPointe stressed afterward. "We're going to need another exceptional performance from these kids to stop Glenn."

LaPointe singled out Mike Hall, Antoine Jordan and linebacker Joe Orskey, who counted 11 tackles against the Braves for their outstanding contributions.

The 2001 championship is Belleville's fifth title in the Mega Red over a period of 10 years for the Tigers. When LaPointe's Tigers take the field Friday night, it will be their third consecutive post-season playoff appearance.

## Tigers to host Westlanders Friday night

Belleville will host the first round of the district playoffs. The kickoff Friday night is at 7 p.m. Winner advances; the loser turns in their jerseys for the year. Burrus's job Friday night will be the job he has had all season with the Tigers - to lead the Tigers on offense by grinding out the yardage in key situations. But he will have to do it against a Westland team that is noted for its defense. The only game this season that the Rockets really were not in was against Harrison. But no team has managed to stand toe-to-toe with the defending state

champs this year.

On the other hand, Belleville's defense will be challenged by Andrew Peiffer, considered one of the finest all-around players in the area this year. He is usually the target of quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz's passes. But the Rockets can hurt you also with their running game, especially if sophomore running back De'Anthony Granberry is given an opportunity to do his thing.

Burrus did his against neighboring Ypsilanti in the season's regular closer Friday night. He led the Tigers to a 21-2 victory, scoring

"We were not moving the ball in that first half," said LaPointe.

The Braves cashed in on a holding penalty and a fumble in the end zone for their two-point safety late in the second quarter for their only points, which didn't lift the suspense.

It took some adjusting by coach LaPointe during half-time to provide the cushion.

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### Rockets retain city title, 21-12

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

A stubborn Westland John Glenn, playing on enemy turf, refused to give in to a determined and valiant Wayne Memorial Friday night before a huge crowd that gathered to see the annual football classic between the two Wayne-Westland Community School District's varsity football teams.

Wayne worked its way to leads 6-0 and 12-7 before succumbing to the Rockets, 21-12, Friday night. The loss left Wayne and coach Floyd Carter one victory shy of qualifying for the state playoffs. It was a disappointing loss for the Zebras, but Carter said that "his kids have nothing to be ashamed of."

"Sure we wanted to win this one," said Carter afterward. "Understandably, they wanted it to. And both sides played their hearts out. Unfortunately one of us had to lose. We just made too many mistakes to win, but I thought our defense played an outstanding game."

Glenn's seventh victory in nine starts puts them into the post-season tournament. Coach Chuck Gordon and the Rockets will face Belleville at 7 p.m. on Friday at Belleville High School. Belleville also is 7-2 and has won a share of the Mega-Red Conference championship.

Wayne struck first against the visiting Rockets who were unprepared for the Zebras' aerial attack. In their first series of plays, Wayne's senior halfback Darian Mitchell caught a short pass from quarterback Zach Lappan and scampered 43 yards for a touchdown. But the attempt for the extra point failed as the holder's pass was incomplete.

Mitchell's TD completed a five-play, 68-yard drive after the opening kickoff.

It took Glenn seven minutes to

reply. Bolstered by Nick Seymour's fumble recovery at the Wayne 11 yard line and an offside penalty charged to Wayne, Glenn quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz handed the ball to running back Tony David who leaped over the Wayne line from the two to score the tying touchdown.

It was up to Andrew Peiffer to break the deadlock, and he did with the point-after. Glenn enjoyed a 7-6 advantage only briefly.

After the ensuing kickoff, Lappan, who sat out most of the season because of an injury, put together a six-play, 55-yard pass that culminated with a TD pass to Mitchell from seven yards out. The senior Wayne QB had only 46 seconds to spare in the first quarter. A 14-yard T.J. Dillard run set up the score.

However, Lappan's pass to Mitchell for the two-point conversion was broken up by the Rockets' defense.

The see-sawing affair of the first half wasn't over with, yet.

Ceckiewicz came back with a drive that included a 25-yard pass completion to Davis and a second 25-yarder to Brandon Ajlouny that went for the Rockets' second TD of the evening. That TD and Peiffer's successful PAT gave the visitors' the lead, 14-12, for good.

In the third quarter, Glenn cashed in on Davis's six-yard run for an insurance touchdown. The Rockets scored with 8:23 left in the quarter and it capped a 57-yard, six play drive also engineered by Ceckiewicz. The Glenn QB masterfully completed a 40-yard toss to Peiffer that helped set up the final score of the classic.

For all it's worth, Wayne had an edge in the stats. The Zebras picked up nine first downs - four rushing, five passing, and none on penalties; the Rockets were awarded eight first downs - three rushing, three passing and two via penalties. Wayne had 221 total offensive yards.

### Bulldogs lose to Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Three big plays led to a disastrous fall for Robichaud against a inspired River Rouge ball club that cashed in the Bulldogs' mistakes for a 34-6 victory in the Mega Conference, Gold Division finale for both teams.

Intercepted twice deep in their own territory and also giving up the ball on a fumble, also deep in their territory, led to Rouge scores and the Bulldogs' seventh loss in nine starts this season.

"This was our last game and I felt that our teams were evenly matched," said Robichaud coach Mark Medlock. "You wouldn't think so by the score. But we found every way possible to shoot ourselves in the foot. We dug a 27-0 hole before we decided we could play with these guys."

Robichaud averted the shutout with a touchdown in the third pe-

riod. Senior quarterback Joe Clayborn combined with Marcus Johnson on two passes - one for 40-yards that Johnson got to the two-yards line with before he was stopped. On the next play, Clayborn used a "jumper" to his 6-8 receiver for the touchdown.

But that's about all the Bulldogs could do against a Rouge that replied with running back Willie Jones exceptional individual performance. Jones ran wild over the Bulldog defense. He rushed for 150 yards on 17 carries and returned one of those Clayborn's interceptions for an 80-yard TD.

## It's wait until next year for Robichaud, Romulus

### A winless season for Eagles

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

It's been an unforgettable season for Coach Wade Cook and his Eagles at Romulus High.

They finished 0-8. A year ago at this time they were 9-0.

"I told the kids not to forget this season because you learn more from your setbacks than from your

**GIRLS BASKETBALL****Wayne loses to league - leader at buzzer****Paschall's  
trey trips  
up Zebras**

Wayne Memorial's girls' basketball team came within six seconds of upsetting league-leading Willow Run last week.

With time running out and up by two-points, Wayne lost the ball on a turnover to the Flyers, and subsequently the game when Michelle Paschall sank a desperation shot with six second left in the game that landed in the net for a three-pointer.

The basket gave the hosts a 49-48 victory over their Mega Conference, Blue Division opponent.

The victory, the Flyers' sixth in seven starts, kept them in first. One victory back are Romulus, Ypsilanti and Allen Park.

The battle between Wayne and Willow Run went right down to the wire. The Flyers led by a narrow, 12-11, after the first period, but Wayne came back on the strength of Ashley Guess' floor play and Renita Price's scoring to eliminate the deficit and took control, 24-22, at half-time.

The game was tied at 36 for three, but Guess drew her fifth and final foul and headed for the bench with five minutes left in the game.

In the crucial fourth period, Wayne had its opportunities to salt away the victory, however, they gave up the ball on a turnover with 20 seconds remaining. Paschall got her last shot away with six seconds left.

"I felt we played one of our better games against them," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "We had our chances, but we didn't capitalize on the opportunities we did have."

Two Wayne players wound up scoring in double figures. Price tied her season's high of 17 points, which was also the game's high. Guess finished with 10 points, but missed the last five minutes of the game. Wayne also received nine points from Ashley Britton.

Willow Run's Erika Mims tossed in an 16 points, her team's points. Paschall, who scored the decisive basket, had seven points for the Flyers who canned 17 of 26 free throws compared to Wayne's seven of 16.

Earlier in the week, Wayne turned back Mega-Blue opponent, Taylor Kennedy, 49-35, as Price sparked a fourth quarter rally by

scoring 10 of her 17 points in the final period. In the pivotal fourth quarter, the Zebras outscored their hosts, 22-10. Guess and Amber Henn each contributed eight points while Britton finished with seven for the winners who couldn't break away from their opponents until late in the third period.

Kennedy actually led 9-7 after one and remained in front 16-14, as both teams missed percentage shots through the entire first half. Wayne came alive late in the third period, outscores Kennedy 13-9, and took a 27-25 lead into the fourth quarter before erupting to a 22-point period in the finale.

Wayne also had its problems at the free throw line where it capitalized on only 12 of 34 free throws. Coach Wayne Woodard and the Zebras have to face two of the three second-place teams in the Blue Division this week. They clashed with Allen Park on Tuesday and will square off with Ypsilanti tonight.

**Inkster's  
win streak  
reaches 34**

With three of its players contributing double figures, undefeated Inkster buried Monroe, 66-34, on Tuesday then, on Thursday, the Vikings stretched their phenomenal winning streak to 34 with a lopsided 67-13 victory over out-of-conference rival, Saginaw Buena Vista.

Although Coach Mann's ball club is sitting atop of the Mega-Red standings, it sits there precariously, points out the sophomore Viking coach.

"We have a couple of tough games ahead of us," said Mann on Sunday. "We face Trenton, a team we managed to beat by only seven and, then there's also Belleville waiting for us in the second round."

Belleville, winner of the last three consecutive Mega-Red titles, lost to the Vikings in a cliffhanger in the first round earlier at Belleville. Inkster will host the Oct. 30 rematch.

Inkster broke open a close game against Monroe in the third period. Led by Carena Easley, who tossed in eight of her 13 points, while Laelah Qawee and Keisha Young each had five in the third period, Inkster outscored their hosts, 26-9, to take a commanding 52-28 lead for three periods.

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Inkster's Brittany Evans scored a game high 13 points, two more than Monroe's Ashley Schatzke. Easley and Qawee each tossed in 13 for the Vikings who made four of nine offerings at the free throw line. The Trojans had 13 free throw opportunities and made eight of them.

The Vikings exploded to a 17-3 lead in the first period at Buena Vista and never looked back until they had wrapped up a 67-13 victory, their 34th triumph in a row.

Qawee and Evelyn Heath, each with 16 points, shared the game's individual scoring honors.

**Romulus  
stays in  
title chase**

Thanks to two victories last week, Romulus remains in the hunt for the Mega-Blue Division title, as the second round of divisional competition begins.

But whether Coach Rhonda McAllister's Eagles stay there may depend on the outcome of their next three games. They face the front-runners - Willow Run, Allen Park and Ypsilanti, and in that order within a span of 10 days.

Willow Run is in first place in the Mega-Blue; Allen Park and Ypsi share second with McAllister's Eagles.

"Because we face Willow Run Thursday night and two other title contenders, the next 10 days will tell us a lot about how we stand in this division," said McAllister after the Eagles destroyed Taylor Kennedy, 47-25, and turned back Mega-Gold opponent, River Rouge, 45-36, in a crossover on Tuesday.

Depending on the outcome of Tuesday night's games, the Thursday showdown between Romulus and Willow Run in Ypsilanti may decide which teams is in first.

"Our defense has played well over the past weeks and we need to keep the momentum going," stressed McAllister, who is in her first year as head coach.

Using their full-court press effectively, Romulus rode a 10-2 first period to a 23-16 half-time advantage before wrapping up the 45-36 victory over the Panthers. Alicia Harbor continued to sparkle on the hardwood as she led all scorers with 16 points. She also grabbed 12 rebounds. The

forward, either by mail or fax, their upcoming winter schedules.

MCN is looking for schedules from Plymouth-Salem, Plymouth-Canton, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Romulus, Inkster and Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

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Thanks for your cooperation.

Eagles received 12 points from Tiffany Ash who had to switch to play guard as well as forward when teammate Patrice Beasley fouled out.

Romulus held Kennedy scoreless in the second period en route to a comfortable 47-25 victory as Beasley sank a game high 13 points and Harbor, for the sixth time this season had a double-double. She scored 12 points and swept the boards for an equal number of rebounds.

Romulus coach Warren Woods is still looking for a winning combination.

The return at mid-season of the injured Mary Riley has helped, but the veteran Robichaud coach says that "she (Riley) will need a supporting cast if we are going to win ball games."

"Mary is about 70 percent effective at this time," Woods added. "We're hoping she will be 100 percent before the playoffs begin. But we still need others to step up their game a notch or two."

Riley had 14 of her team's total 25 points.

Earlier last week, Dearborn Heights Crestwood crushed their cross-town rivals, 42-19.

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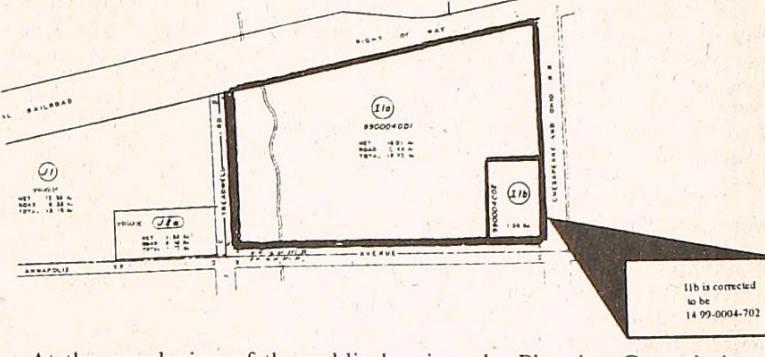
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Wayne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider a request to re-zone Lots 14-99-0004-001 and 14-99-0004-702 from IND-1 to IND-2.



At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council for its consideration.

Peter J. McInerney  
Community Development Director

Publish: October 25, 2001

**NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001  
CITY OF WAYNE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN****TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a regular election will be held in the City of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, November 6, 2001 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Councilmembers, one (1) Mayor and to vote on one (1) proposal. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Wayne, at the regular election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2001:

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2001 to 2010, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$32,349,210 when first levied in 2001.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the Community College District, to wit:

"I Raymond J. Wojtowicz, County Treasurer of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 25, 2001, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District, in said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2001 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2001 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2001
Wayne County Community College	August 8, 2000	.25 mills	2001 thru 2005
Wayne-Westland Comm School District	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2001 thru 2004
	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2001 thru 2010 inclusive

Signed: Raymond J. Wojtowicz  
Wayne County Treasurer

Dated: October 2, 2001

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) year of age;  
(b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting for the regular election to be held on November 6, 2001, will be as follows:

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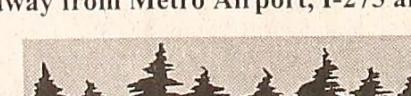
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## NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

# Public Housing strongly opposes new fees

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

While at least one apartment complex owner in Inkster has decided to challenge the recently enacted city of Inkster's Rental Inspection Ordinance that provides an outside firm to inspect rental

properties, including public housing, Inkster Public Housing Director Tony Love last week released a statement strongly opposing the new layer of fees and the city inspection.

Love labeled the new fees and inspection as excessive and unnecessary.

If the new law is not overturned or rescinded by mayor and council, Love states it will cost public housing an additional \$73,380 biannually to comply.

The director says that public housing doesn't have the money in its budget to pay for the inspections.

Providing the local media with a breakdown in costs, Love also stressed that REAC - The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC), a wing of the Housing and Urban Development Agency, inspects all public housing's multi-family properties to ensure that HUD's assisted properties provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for its tenants.

Inkster City Council approved the new ordinance in hopes of discouraging the further proliferation of slum landlords, who apparently exploit those who do not have the income to rent decent housing.

Housing commissioners point out that HUD's inspections are stricter than the local ones.

"REAC's inspectors schedule property inspections annually," Love argued. "The HUD trained inspectors use hand-held computers to inspect more than 500 conditions of the units and property sites.

"Inspection results are then transmitted electronically to REAC, therefore, a true sample of the properties are inspected," Love stated.

According to Love, local housing commissioners are required to correct all failed items indicated during the REAC inspections.

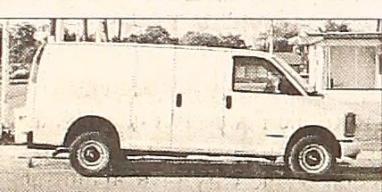
"If they don't, there are penalties," Love added. "Commissioners must pass HUD's inspections requirements."



## Special Event.

Candice Pickens will probably never forget her 50th birthday. She was the special honoree at a gala birthday celebration hosted by her mother, Georgia Ruth Miller, recently at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center. Neighbors, school chums, family and friends gathered early in the evening to be on hand and sing "Happy Birthday" to her as she entered the special room. The guests enjoyed a tasty meal and spoke lovingly of a dear friend and cohort. Her sister Rozella Moss, missing from the photo above, was also present. Seated in the above photo is Candice Perkins, while standing left to right are her brother, Arthello Miller Muhammad, sister Sheryl Bell, mother Georgia Ruth Miller, son Miguel Miller, and great uncle, the Rev. Unsell McKay. Photo By Theola Jones.

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Then, On Wednesday, Oct. 31, the city of Inkster's Parks and Recreation Department will host its popular city-wide Halloween Party.

Children, ages 12 and under, are invited to attend the party.

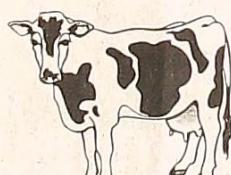
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**ALAN LAMBERT**  
for Mayor



**About Al Lambert**

- A lifelong Romulus resident
- A father of five; grandfather to one
- Seven years as a Romulus City Councilman
- Fourteen years as a Romulus Police Officer
- Three and a half years as a Romulus Public Schools Trustee
- Twenty years as a civic volunteer and leader

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